ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE.

Thirty-First Annual Commencement at Fordham.

IMPRESSIVE EXERCISES AND CEREMONIES

Conferring Degrees and Distributing Gold and Silver Medals.

THE CLASS OF 1876.

The thirty-first annual commencement of St. John's College, Fordham, took place yesterday afternoon on the college grounds. Fordham College commence-ments are well known to thousands of New Yorkers, and are looked forward to each year with great expec-

tations of pleasure.
Yesterday at least 4,000 people gathered under the tent on the lawn to listen to the addresses of the gradu-ates. The train which left New York at one o'clock brought up the largest part of the crowd, but all the in private conveyances, swelling the audience considerably. Among the clergymen who were present yeserday were Vicar General Quinn, of New York; Vicar Seneral Doane, of New Jersey; Rev. Dr. McGlynn, paster of St. Stephen's; Rev. John McAuley, assistant pastor; Rev. Fathers James Moriarty, J. J. Hughes, itenry Braun, Mooney, Keegan, Reardon, O'Kelly; fathers Young, Brown and Simmons, of the Paulista; Rev. Father Goeckein, S. J., President of the college, who presided; Rev. John Finnegan, S. J.; Rev. Henry Hudon, S. J., President of St. Francis Xavier's College; Rev. Theodore Thirz, S. J.; Rev. Joseph Durthaler, Very Rev. Father Charaux, Superior of the Jesuits: Father Prachensky, S. J. There were also present Rev. Dr. Stephenson, the Episcopalian minister of Fordham; also Dr. Short, of Columbia College; Erastus C. Benedict, Regent of the University; General Newton, Mr. James L. Olwell, Mr. Eugene Kelly, Com-missioner of Education; Dr. Eugene B. Murtha and Mr. John A. McSorley.

The order of exercises was as follows:—Overture, "Nabucco," Vordi. A Nation's Ceutenary. Oration, "Our Country's Birth," Joseph A. Maher. Music, 'Marten," Strauss. Oration, 'Our Country's Literature," William A. Ryan. Music, 'Song Without Words," Heinecke. Oration, 'Our Country's Future," Joseph V. Sweeney. Music, "Illombardt," Verdi. Oration, "Cathobicity in America," A. Joseph Myers. Music, "Centennial March," Unlig. Poem, "Our Country," valedictory, David H. Hust. Music, "Reveille," Reinecke. Address to the graduates, Rev. Francis J. Freel, D. D., class of 1858. Music, "Luretia," Donizetti.

The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Edward Bundy, LL. B., of New Orleans, La., and Knight of the Order of Puss IX. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred on the following:—Timothy F. Neville, A. B., '59, New York city; Rev. James E. Bubier, A. B., '59, Brooklyn, L. I.; Goorge McCreery, A. B., Belleville, N. J.; Joseph D. Murpby, A. B., '74, Charleston, S. C.

The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on the THE EXERCISES.

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The degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred on the
following:—Francis Joseph Jones, New Yerk city;
foseph Vincent Sweeney, Lawrence, Mass.; David
Henry Hunt, Brooklyn, L. I.; John Joseph Quinn,
Hartford, Conn.; John Francis Cloonan, Rondout,
N. Y.; Joseph Augustine Maher, Dovor Plains,
N. Y.; Walter John Flattery, Detroit, Mich.;
John Francis Hamilton, New York city;
Christopher Bray Hendrick, Weatchester, N. Y.;
William Ambrose Ryan, Lawrence, Mass.; Alexis Joseph Myers, Baltimore, Md.; James Andrew Jackson,
Tampa, Fia.; Daniel George Cooney, Syracuse, N. Y.;
Louis Philip Lauor, Morrisania, N. Y.; John William
Coogan, Windsor Locks, Conn.; William Joseph Reilly,
New York city; George Fatrick O'Callaban, Weatchester,
N. Y.; George Washington Colligan, New York
sity; Timothy Joseph Doolsy, Hartford, Conn.; Chrisiopher Burke O'Reilly, Westchester, N. Y.; Francis
Bernard Flattery, Detroit, Mich.

The highest honors of the graduating class were
won by Francis Joseph Jones. The degrees were conferred by Rev. Father Gockein, who also presented the
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The gold medal, for the best biographical essay, to Joseph Vincent Sweeney. Next in merit, David Henry Hunt. The subject was "Charles Carroli, of Carroliton." Donor for the present year, Timothy F. Neville, A. M., of the class of 1852.

The silver medal for proficiency, in class of rhetoric, to Joseph Waiter Wilstach; in class of belles lettres, to Francis McSweeny; in class of classics, to Patrick Rigney Deane; silver medal for good conduct (senior fivision), to Patrick henry Mooney.

It was announced that in future a silver medal would be given for general excellence in examination for the classes of philosophy and rhethoric, an absolute standard of excellence being fixed. These medals would be called the Hughes medal.

The addresses of the graduates yesterday were far above the average usually heard at college commencements. Those of Mr. Joseph A. Maher on "Our Country's Birth," and of Mr. A. Joseph Myers on "Catholicity in America," were particularly noticeable.

The Rev. Francis J. Freel, who delivered the address to the graduates, is an aiumnus of the college of the class of 1858. The scene on the lawpon com-

diately after the exercises. A plentiful collation was spread.

Before leaving the refectory Rev. Father Gockein announced that a meeting of the alumn) would be held in the study hall. Thereupon about 100 gentlemen met in the study ball a short time after, and preceded to organize a meeting. Rev. Francis T. Freiwas elected chairman, and Mr. Samuel O. Murphy accretary. After addresses from Mr. Murphy and others as to the object of the meeting, which was to establish a permanent organization of the alumni of \$\$ \$1.00 \text{ John's College, a committee of seven were appointed to perfect arrangements for that organization, and it was resolved to notify every living alumnus of the next meeting, time and place to be designated by the chairman and committee.

CHARLIER INSTITUTE.

The closing exercises at the Charlier Institute were beld last night, and were of a very interesting charactute were the Marquis De Rocheambeau, M. Levasseur, of the College de France; M. Dietz, M. Barthold, the Liberty to be erected on Bedloe's Island; Hon, William Wood, President of the Board of Education; Chancelings commenced with a selection of music by the band of Lamyette battalion, and the singing of hymns by Protessor Chartler, in a brief speech, adverted to the presence of the distinguished guests and also to the fact that this was the twenty-first auniversary of the foundation of the school. He gave the boys some

the absolute necessity at the present day of mastering the three leading languages of the world—the Enclish, the German and the French—laying especial stress upon the study of German for purposes of business and for the pursuit of scientific knowledge. His remarks were frequently and loudy applauded. Chancel-or Howard Crosby, in a humorous speech, welcomed the distinguished Frenchmen present and told the boys they had a good lesson to lears from their presence; first, from Seeing the representatives of a country in comparison with which America is an overgrown child, and secondly, in learning that far from being what our young people imagine America to be we have a great deal to learn, and that all the liberty, light and civilization that we have, owe to the Old World.

The Marquis De Rocheambeau and M. Levasseur were the recipients of two superb silver vases of flowers. The exercises ended with the distribution of prizes and the presenting of diplomas to the graduating class.

PACKER INSTITUTE.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY REV. JOSEPH T.

DURYEA, D. D. The chapel of the Packer Institute was crowded lasevening. The occasion was the delivering of the bac-calaureate sermon to the graduating class by Rev-Joseph T. Duryea, D. D. After the visitors were all seated, the graduating class and the first and second scademic marched in. two by two, singing "The March to Victory." Dr. Duryea opened the exercises by prayer and reading of the scriptures. His text was Ruth, it., 12. He said June has long been to me the chiefest of the months, not only because na-ture spreads forth the beauties of her first fresh burden, but because it is the time of our schools No month in the year is so tull of sen-timent, of fine and deep and tender feelings. I come to bring you good cheer, to say—be trustful, hopeful, joyful. I would that I might have you alone, so that I ould open a man's heart to you and talk as an older could open a man's heart to you and talk as an older brother to a younger sister; it is hard to be sincere and housest when I speak to you in the presence of others, but you are mine for to-night and I shall say what I will, hoping only for the guidance of heaven. I desire to set before you an example to illustrate some particulars for your instruction. About the time of the barley harvest in the land we call holy two women might have been seen going to Bethlehem. They both seemed sad, both were widows, one advanced in years and one young. The cidest had journeyed years before with her husband to sojourn with the people of that land when there was a scarcity of food in her own country. Her sons had married and her husband died. Then she heard that there was abundance in her land and she determined to go home. There was in her household two widowed daughters, one went with her and the other remained. She went to ber home. She had a rich kinsman, but she did not seek him. Her daughter suggested that she should go into the fields to glean. She was led; she did not seek him. Her daughter suggested that she should go into the fields to glean. She was led; she did not see it. There was a drawing, but she did not see it. There was a drawing, but she did not see it. There was a drawing, but she did not feel it; but her feet went surely to the place where food would have her go. She lighted upon the field of one of the hoblest men God ever inspired. The stranger found friends. The homeless found a home. She became the mother of a king; she became the mother of film at whose name every knee shall how. The faith of the Israelites is most beautituly illustrated in this story. This daughter, who was not a daughter by blood, left home and irrends and comfort to care for this old woman. I commend to you are sensitive and you are liable to suffering and you are sensitive and you are liable to suffering and you are sensitive and you are liable to suffering and you are sensitive and you are liable to take care of ourselves.

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RUTGERS COLLEGE.

NEW BRUNSWICK June 18 1878 Commencement week is a gala week in this ancient Dutch town, which looks upon it as the event of the year. Dressmakers have been busy for weeks prepar-ing for the fashionable attendance at the Junior exhi-bition, where the wealth and beauty of the place do congregate, and where they have rull opportunity to display themselves in the large and really beautiful Opera House which the enterprise of the Masonic fra-ternity has furnished the city, and preparing, also, for the less exclusive throngs which sit through the exercises of Commencement Day proper, on Wednesday, which are the attraction mainly for all the belies of the

country within a dozen miles. The college catalogue shows now on the roll 188 fifty-six are from New York State, mainly from along the Hudson; 120 are from New Jersey, and three from Washburne, "scattering." Thus, Rutgers holds her place as the great Jersey college, Princeton

Apan, and the rest, like the votes for Jewell and dress to the graduates, is an alumnum of the college of the class of 1858. The scene on the lawn on commencement day was one perfectly familiar to him. He had witnessed it year after year in the best days of his youth; but still, he said, it never could grow old or sale to him. New York of the York of the York of York old or you will not detain you too long, but is ake of you to have the collegiate course, and never to forget heir body you will not detain you too long, but I sake of you to have the you will look back with prade to the year 1876, and to the happy, fruituly years you spent in alima mater."

Alter Rev. Mr. Freet the Rev. Father Goekelin made a short address. He said he had heard a number of times shout those spreading elms and beautiful lawn and to look at new after these made he had heard a number of times shout those spreading elms and beautiful lawn and to look at new after these many heart address. He said he had heard a number of times shout those spreading elms and beautiful lawn and to see something old to look at new after these many heart address. He said he had heard a number of times shout those spreading elms and beautiful lawn and to see a number of the present of assisting at the unveiling the statue of John Hughes, Archibishop of New York, placed between those eins and the college, he would be supremely happy. That statue, he knew, would soon be erected, and he hoped to live to see it to be supplied to the year of the present of the present of the present of the present of the t praduates, and of these only two come from the Scientific School. That school has two courses, one of two years, for which a special certificate is given for proficiency in English, French and Natural, science, and the other a full course of four years, in either chemistry or engineering. The four years' course is a new one, and has hardly got under way. The two who graduate both take the degree of civil engineers. The subjects of their these, as read to the Sitate Board of Visitors on Thursday last, were respectively the "Holmdel Highway Bridge" and the "East Rivre Bridge" and are spoken of as very creditable productions.

It is a matter of regret that no donations of magnitude are expected this year, but the hard times seem to effect the benevoier's as well as other people. The dormitories, which were hoped a year or two ago to be in the near future, seem as far off as ever, except that a \$30,000 donation is expected next year from a liberal Philadeliphia alumnus, who this year has had to do the fair thing by the Centennial Exhibition subscription. But there is a fund which has just been started which certainly deserves the hearty co-operation of all the alumni of the college. It is called the "Campbell Fund," named after the President, because it represents a cause near his heart, and is to consist of \$140,000, contributed in small annual subscriptions by the alumni, and to be devoted to raising the salaries of the professions who, here, as at most American colleges, are underpaid. In order to live according to their station, one has to accept a State office involving a good deal of professional labor, one other sets as his assistant, another has turned to inventing, another teaches the languages in young ladies' seminaries, another has taken up real estate speculation, another has to consider with the United States Coast Survey, one of the best has been attracted to the educational service of Japan, and so on. These occupations, of course, are not allowed to conflict which the read subscriptions to this fun

CHEAP FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cheap Transportation Association will be held this afternoon to consider the question of using the track of the Belt Ratiroad for transferring treight cars. Representatives of the railway and steamship interests will meet with the association to discuss the subject and to hear a report from the Committee on Terminal Facilities, embodying their views and plans in the direction indicated.

THE DODWELL MURDER.

DECEASED'S HUSBAND HELD ON THE VERDICT OF

THE CORONER'S JURY. Coroner Woltman held an inquest yesterday at Bellevue Hospital in the case of Mary Dodwell, who was murdered by her husband on the morning of May 27 at their residence, No. 413 East Ninth street. When the discovery was made Dodwell, it will be remember. explained the tragedy by saying that burglars had broken in and assaulted himself and wife. Dodwell's wound being dangerous, he was removed to Believue Hospital and the inquest deferred until he had recov-

ered sufficiently to testify.

The first witness called was Catharine Martin, an occupant of the house, who testified that between half-past seven and eight o'clock on the morning of the 27th uit, she was awakened by hearing Mrs. Wallace, one of the tenants, exclaiming, "Oh, my God! who killed her?" Witness inquired who was meant, and was told that Mrs. Dodwell had been murdered; entering her room she found her lying on the bed, covered with blood, flowing from several wounds on her lace; she summoned Rev. Father McKay and notified the police; witness last saw deceased alive at nine o'clock the pre-

witness last saw deceased alive at nine o'clock the previous night, when she complained that her husband had been drinking; she always believed that deceased and her husband tive disapply together, except when hedrank to excess; heard no noise or scuffle.

Rosamm Wallace, a tenant of the fourth floor, deposed that at eight o'clock on the morning in question Dodwell told her child to call her; went in response, and saw Dodwell standing in the middle of her room; he said, in a hoarse voice, "Mrs. Wallace, do you know what happened to us last night?" he continued, "Men broke in here last night and almost murdered us both; my wife is the worst; she is dying;" witness then saw Mrs. Dodwell lying on the bad biecking; slatmed the neighbors; called Dr. Guden and notified the police; heard no noise during the night.

Mary Toole, living on the same floor, testified to seeing Dodwell coming into the hall from the street holding a sponge to his throat; the blood was trickling through it.

Mary Ann Casino testified to having known Dodwell and wife for seven years; Dodwell was a peaceable man except when he drank to excess.

Dr. Guden deposed to having attended deceased on the morning of the 27th ult., she had several wounds on her head; saw Dodwell sitting near the window and asked him how she came by her wornds; he did not reply; witness found that Dodwell had a cut in his throat.

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Officer Hyrnes, of the Seventeenth predict, testified to having been onlied by Mrs. Wallace to No. 413 East Ninth Street; witness and Officer Fariey entered Dodweil's room and found him with his hand to his neck; asked him what was the matter and he pointed to the open window; saw Mrs. Dodweil in an adjoining bedroom, lying on the bed unconscious and covered with thoo; saw blood on the floor and on a shovel, hatchet and a saw and some in a peril; the blood on the floor appeared to have been swept up; arrested Dodweil and had him conveyed to Believue Hospital.

Warden O'Rourke testified that \$120 were found on Dodweil's person secreted under his arm.

The money was given over to the Commissioners of Charities in trust.

The prisoner, on being asked to testify, declined to do so by advice of counsel.

Deputy Coroner Cushman testified to making a postmortem examination of decased. Found a compound comminuted fracture of the skull one and one-hall inches in length by two in width on right sade of head Death resulted from a fracture of the skull, due to violence.

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The jury returned a verdict that deceased came to her death by violence at the hands of her husband, James Dodwell, on or about May 27, at No. 413 East sin street, whereupon Dodwell was formally committed without ball to await the action of the Grand Jury. The prisoner's condition being still critical his removal to the Tombs will be deferred for the present. He will remain in the hospital in charge of a policeman.

THE SHOOTING OF OFFICER BEATTY.

Yesterday forenoon Robert alias "Crow" Murray was arraigned before Judge Moore, in the Kings county Court of Sessions, to plead to an indictment charging him with assoulting with intent to kill Patrolman John Beatty, of the First precinct, Brooklyn, on the morning of Friday, June 9. His counsel pleaded not guilty to the indictment. Murray is out on bail in the sum of \$5,000. The officer is slowly recovering from his wound. Captain Joel Smith, in whose precinct the shooting occurred, has preferred charges for failing to act promptly in effecting the arrest of winesses against Sergeants Cain and Eason and Patroiman Brown.

ROBBING TWO ITALIANS.

At the Tombs Police Court yesterday morning, before Justice Murray, Officer Hogan, of the Sixth precinct, arraigned a notorious Sixth ward ruffian named John Devine to suswer two distinct charges of robbery. Devine, who has previously been arrested on several occasions, resides in the tenement house No. 47 Baxter street. Guiseppe Tartaglio and Andrea Tallaritio, Italian laborers, occupy a room is the same house. On Sunday evening, about haif-past eight o'clock, Tallarillo was in the beer saloon under his readence, when Devine entered, and, snatching a ten-dollar bill irom bis hand, escaped. A haif hour afterward, while Tartaglio was in the hailway, Devine assaulted him and stole irom his pants pocket \$75 in cash and a ticket of the Italian Colonization Agency, No. 17 Frankin street, worth \$25. Officer Hogan arrested him ah hour afterward and Jound the Colonization Agency ticket in his pocket. On being arraigned before Justice Murray at the Tombs yesterday morning Devine was committed for trial to answer both charges in default of \$1,500 bail.

BOY PICKPOCKETS.

MOETIMER SULLIVAN.

It has been a long acknowledged fact among police and newsboys who pick pockets in the streets are sustained not only by their parents, who send them out to steal, but by a gang of receivers who purchase their plunder, and to such an extent has the evil grown that plunder, and to such an extent has the evil grown that the detectives are now continually complaining that the judges, actuated by motives of compassion and charity, deal too lemently with offenders, who, though exceptionally young in years, are, nevertheless, abnorrially nardened in crime. A more complete litteration of this fact cannot be found than in the case of Mortimer Sulivan, aged flicen, of No. 50 Park atreet, now confined in the Tombs on a charge of grand larceny. In last December Mr. J. G. Baker, a saloon, keeper, of Broadway, was robbed of \$50, in front of Delmonico's, by a numoer of newsboys, who pressed against him under the pretence of seling their papers. Sulivan was arrested and positively identified by Mr. Baker, who had him committed for trial. Sulivan's mother then called on Mr. Baker, and offered to pay him the money no had been robbed of in the event of his not appearing against her son. Mr. Baker the otier, saying that he could afford to lose the money, but that young Sulivan might rob some poor working man, whose family would have to starve for the remainder of the week. Mrs. Sulivan then procured a lawyer, and when the day of trial came her son pleaded guilty, and, on the ropresentations of counsel, was sent to the House of Refuge by Judge Sutherland until he should be twenty-one years old. Mr. Baker was astonished six weeks after, while waking up Broadway, by having young Sulivan attempt to pick his pocket in the same way. Master Sulivan, in company with another young "artist" named Archy, alias "Baldy" Wilte, is now in the Tombs for having stolen a watch and chain, value \$160, from Mr. Jones Silver, in the City Hall Park. The evidence proved that Lewis Jones, a beer railoon keeper, who bough the stolen watch, told the boys he would get bail and a lawyer for them if they were arrested. A Herand reporter asked young Sulivan yesterday now as got out of the House of Retuge. He smiled contemptiously, and said, "Oh, I ran away—any one can beat that place." the detectives are now continually complaining that

MUNICIPAL NOTES.

There was in the city treasury June 11 \$497,791 20; last week \$887,560 85 was paid out, \$1,022,801 47 re. ceived, and there remained a balance June 17 of

Mr. Hayes, Marshal for the collection of arrears taxes, acknowledges the receipt of \$135,264 11 be-

The Commissioner of Public Works has appointed Charles H. Fenton Superintendent, and John H. Stadtlander Assistant Superintendent of Haths. Vesterony the Comptroller paid a bid of \$2,150 for a bronze railing around the Lincoln monument in

a bronze railing around the Lincoin monument in Union square.
Compirolar Green yesterday approved the sureties on the following proposals for aircet improvements, and returned the same to the Department of Public Works, viz.—Regulating, grading, &c., Sixty-second street, from Teuth to Eleventh avenue, flagging 12oth street, from Third to Sixty avenue, flagging 12oth street, from Third to Sixty hird street; sewers in Broadway, between Manhatian and 1834 streets, with branches; in 182d street, between Boulevard and Budson River; in 180th street, between Third and Fourth avenues; in Fourth avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fitth and Eighty-fitth and Eighty-sighth streets, and in Fourth avenue, east side, between Eighty-fith and Eighty-eighth streets, the estimated aggregate cost of the same is \$29,438 04.

POLICE DRILL

Inspector Thorne and Captain Copeland drilled the Third battailon of the police force in Mount Morras square yesterday morning. In the afternoon Inspector Diks and Captain Copeland drilled the First battailon in the Twenty-second Regiment armory.

THEFT OF A DIAMOND RING.

Julia Foley, a domestic in the employ of Mrs. Isabella Smith, of No. 35 Park place, Brooklyn, was arrested in the Third precinct on charge of stealing a dia-mond ring, valued at \$175, from her employer. The inceny was committed in July last. A pawn ticket for the ring was found in the girl's pocket. She was com-mitted by Justice Delmar to await examination.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCES.

THE PROBATION SYSTEM IN THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH-THE RESURRECTION.

Yesterday Rev. D. A. Goodsell addressed the Methodist preachers on the probationary system and the basis of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. At present new converts or persons not converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of the converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of the converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of the converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of the converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of the converted who desire to unite with the Methodist Episcopal church as a second of the method of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a second of pal Church must undergo a probation of six months, during which time they are supposed to be under the care and tuition of class leaders, who also are supposed to give proper instructions in doctrine and Church polity to such probationers. But any one familiar with the practice and routine of Methodist class meetings must be well aware that the facts are wholly differ ent. No such instructions are given. The theory of probation may be very wise and good, but class leaders are appointed in nine cases out of ten for other purposes and from different motives. And the probationers when received into the Church are as ignorant as outsiders generally of what Methodists believe and teach, and of the varied forms and phases of its Church government and polity. Nevertheless, before they are received into full connection with the Church they have to pledge themselves publicly that they will promote the order and polity of the Church; that they firmly believe and hold tain the peace and harmony of the Church, and pay according to their ability, to sustain the ordinances of the Gosjiel. Many persons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, seeing that the whole thing is a farce or worse-a lie enacted under the most solemn circumstances-have been for years trying to get the entire SYSTEM OF PROBATION AND RECEPTION

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changed or aboisshed. At the General Conference held eight years ago the Committee on Revisals of that body brought in a report favoring certain changes in this direction, but in the hurry of the closing hours of the Conicrence it was not reached, for final action. The matter has been agitated off and on over since, and in one phase or another it has come before the preachers' meeting of this city nearly every year. Erother Goodsell yesteriay lavored a three months' probation. For every purpose designed by the discipline this term is long enough. If the probation system is to be an infirmary, where week souls are to be patched and plastered and nursed for six months, he thought three months quite enough. If, however, it is to be deemed a preparatory school, where probationers are to be instructed in the peculiar privileges of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, three months are too much. The Methodist is the only Church in the world that has such a probationers are to be instructed in the peculiar privileges of membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church South has abolished it, and the Wesleyans of Great Britain don't know it. He denied the right of the Church to lay down any rules for church membership which are not laid down in the Word of God.

Dr. Curry took issue with his young brother. If probation is needed at all it ought to be long enough to answer the ends in view. And it hough the Doctor was not a stickler for five, six or seven months—any of these terms would suit him—be did think three months were too short. No less authority than Dr. Rigg, of the Britain Wesleyan Conference in Baltimore, land been amazed at the loose way in which this matter was lett by the last Conference, and had asked Dr. Curry, "Has

ENCLESIASTICAL STATKSMANNIIP DEPARTEE from the Methodist Episcopal Church?" The bishops had nothing to offer, on the ground that they are not ecclesiastical architects; but they have no place at the head of the building as superintendents unless they understand their business. But we ar

out doing harm.

Brother Lloyd did not think that the General Conference had any right or authority, as it had done at Baltimore, to make total abstinence a pre-requisite to church membership until it had also provided for turning out of the church all who are not total abstainers.

Br. Kettoli made "a sharp threshing instrument," with two ends, which he laid on Dr. Curry so that "the house came down." He took the ground that it is not necessary for a good sea captain to understand how a ship is made; it is not necessary for a good editor to know how paper is manufactured and type set, and it is ship is made; it is not necessary for a good editor to know how paper is manufactured and type set, and it is not necessary to the proper discharge of their duties as superintendents of the church machinery that they should understand ecclesiastical architecture. Dr. Curry's reference to the ship at sea drifting about reminded him of a circumstance that took place years ago on a United States stip, of which a Captain McKenzie had command and on which a Lieutenant Spencer had started a mutiny. McKenzie was informed and he promptly hansed Spencer from the yardarin. What good had McKenzie done it may be asked? He stopped a mutiny and hanged the ringledder. This was the illustration that brought down the house. The shot was too apparent and too well aimed to have missed or been misunderstood. For it is well known by readers of the Christians Advecate for the last lour years that Dr. Curry has very freely criticised the machinery of Methodism, and especially its opiscopacy, with no very marked favor toward either. Rev. John Dickinson also spoke in favor of aboilshing the present tests of membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The Baptist ministers' conference yesterday were entertained by Rev. T. A. T. Hauna, who read a deeply philosophical essay on the resurrection, which was subsequently discussed by the bethren.

AFRICAN METHODIST CONFERENCE. FINANCES OF THE COLORED CHURCH-THE SAC-

TEM IN BROOKLYN.

pal Conference of the State of New York was held yesterday in the Bridge street (Brooklyn) church. The proceedings were opened by Rev. J. C. Lodge with prayer. Rev. Bishop Wayman presided. The attend-ance was larger than usual, the colored people seem-ing to bestow greater interest on the Conference as it draws to a close. Several white gentlemen and ladies were also present.

The Secretary read a certificate of the Bishop and

nouncing formally the ordination of the following lin, William F. Townsend, Isaac H. Bolding and Al-fred Flock. The certificates were placed on the minutes of the Conference.

The third annual report of J. H. W. Burley, of Wash-

ington, D. C., Financial Secretary, was read. The report shows the amount of receipts from the several districts for the fiscal year ending May 24, 1876, to have

The general disbursements during the year amounted to \$20,773 83. The balance remaining on hand to date is \$7,711 60, which includes a balance of \$2,586 18 from the preceding year. The Finance Committee of the Conference reported having in-hand \$100 in what is known as "dollar money." On motion a committee of three was appointed to designate the disposition which should be made of that fund.

Rev. Mr. Steward then offered a resolution to the effect that a uniformity in the days set apart for communion service is desirable by the chutches of this Conference, and that, therefore, the first Sunday of each month should be set apart for the reception of the sucration.

The resolution was lost by a large vote.

The Secretary then read an invitation from Mr. C. A. Borsey, principal of the Colorest Public School, in the fold street district, inviting the Conference to visit the school.

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One of the delegates said that, while he would like to accept the invitation, he hoped that it would not be so construed that the Conference indorsed the colored school system of Brooklyn as creditable. He did not approve of the system of crowding their boys and girls into any particular hollow in this city.

Bisnop Wayman said the question of public schools was not then under consideration, and it was finally resolved that the Conference should visit the school on Wednesday, at two F. M.

Memorial services were then held for the late Rev. Willis Jones, a former member of the New York African Conference, who died during the year. Eulogistic remarks were made of the character of Mr. Jones by Broshers Davis, Thompson, Williams and Mowbray. The Conference will meet this morning at nine ciclock. They will probably conclude their labors on next Thursday.

THE VELTMAN FORGERY.

ARREST OF VELTMAN'S BROTHER-IN-LAW-THE THE HISTORY OF THE FORGERY-SCENE IN

On the 7th inst. William F. Veltman, of No. 17 Sterling place, Brooklyn, bookkeeper for the firm of Bryce & Smith, liquor merchants, of No. 83 Front street, called at the Merchants' Exchange National Bank, No. 245 Broadway, and presented to Mr. Alian S. Apgar, the cashier, checks to the amount of \$21,000, purporting to have been indersed by Mezara Bryce & Smith, which he requested Mr. Apgar to deposit to the credit of Messrs. Bryce & Smith's account. Mr. Apgar complied. An hour after Veltman returned to the bank and presented a check for \$12,751 25, purporting to have been signed by Bryce & Smith in favor of William H. Leith, which he requested the bank to certify. Mr. Appar, deeming by bryce & Smith in lavor of William H. Letti, watch the requested the bank to certify. Mr. Appar, deeming the signatures genuine, affixed the desired cortification, and Veltman left. Almost immediately after the five checks deposited and the one certified at Veltman's request were discovered to be forgeries. Veltman was arrested, but the certified check was not found in his possession. Detectives Ricily and Haley were then placed on the case and succeeded in learning that the man William H. Leith, to whom Veliman had given the check, was a son of William Leith, a speculator and broker, living at No. 583 Pacific street, Brooklyn, who had previously been conwhom Veltman had given the check, was a son of William Leith, a speculator and broker, living at No. 583
Pacific street, Brooklyn, who had previously been connected with various disreputable transactions in connection with forged or frandulent bonds. They ararrested him and found in his house the stubs of the checks which had been forged, and also several signatures of Messrs. Bryce & Smith cut out of genuine checks, in order that they might be imitated. Since Leith's arrest another forgery was discovered. On the 5th inst., Veltman called at the bank and presented a check purporting to have been drawn by Bryce & Smith in favor of William H. Leith, for \$4,770 42 for certification against the regular account. This was paid Leith through the Union Trust Company, the same as the check for \$12,750-25. On Leith being arrested he informed the detectives that Edward D. Smyth, Veltman's brother-in-law, was cognizant of the forgeries and received a share of the proceeds. Detective Rielly agressed Mr. Smyth on Saturday at his residence, Cumberland street, Brooklyn. On his being arraigned at the Tombs he was remanded until yesterday and the fact of his apprehension kept a profound secret by the detectives. Vesterday afternoon the examination came up before Justice Murray, at the Tombs. Ex-District Attorney Morris, of Brooklyn, appeared for Smyth, ex-United States District Attorney Purdy for Leith, while District Attorney Herring conducted the prosecution.

Mr. Apgar, on being placed on the stand, deposed that Veltman presented both the checks for certification and be certified them, believing that the indorsements were genuine; they were paid to William H. Leith through the Union Trust Company and the Bank of Commerce; on searching Leith's house, in company with Petectives Rielly and Haley, they found the situes of checks and a memorandum; also signatures of the firm of Bryce & Smith, which were genuine, which and had been cut out of checks.

Mr. Charles S. Bryce testilied that the signatures and indorsements on the checks

AN INHUMAN FATHER.

On Friday last Officer Corey, of the Fourteenth precinct, while on post in Crosby street, found a hand-some and raggedly attired boy, about ten years old, crying at the corner of Spring street. He brought him to the Mulberry street station, where, on being questioned by Captain Allaire, the child said that his name was Charles O'Connor, that he lived in Webb street, Brooklyn, and that his grandmother resided in Johnson street, in the same city. On Captain Allaire asking him how it was that that he was lost in New York, the little boy said that his father brought him over here and left him on a street corner, saying he would be back in a few minutes. By order of the Captain the child was given into the care of Matron Webb, of the Child was given into the care of Matron Webb, of the child was given into the care of Matron Webb, of the police Central Office, who kept and fed him until yesterday morning, when, being still unclaimed by his parents, he was taken before Judge Murray, at the Tombs Court. The Judge finally decided to send the unfortunate child to the care of the Catholic Protectory, it being evident that his parents had utterly abandoned him.

ROBBERIES IN THE CITY

tie street, were robbed of \$14 and a gold watch and chain worth \$260 by sneak thieves yesterday morning.

During the absence of M. Rossa from home sneak thieves entered his rooms at No. 143 Sullivan street and stole \$102 and a ring worth \$15.

A number of small robberies were effected through the city in the same way.

THE HEYNE POISONING CASE.

Coroner Eickhoff empanciled a jury yesterday in the case of Charles Heyne, the infant son of Nicholas Heyne, of No. 39 Third avenue, alleged to have been poisoned by Augusta Kassen, a servant girl. It was intended that Dr. Engeman, Chemist to the Board of Health, should make a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach and intestines of the child, and an application will be made to him for that purpose. It is extremely probable, however, that Dr. Engeman will decline as he now has bills against the city to the amount of several thousand dollars, for which payment has been refused.

CORONERS' CASES

The body of an unknown man about forty years old was found at the loot of Horatio street at six o'clock yesterday morning. He was five feet seven inches in height, bald head, clean shaven face, dressed in black clothes. The body was removed to the Morgue. Coroner Woltman will hold an inquest.
In the case of William Reardon, aged eight years, of

Croker held an inquest yesterday and the jury ren-dered the following verdict:—"Injuries accidentally dered the foilowing verdict:—"Injuries accidentally received by being run over by a dummy engine and train at Canal and Greenwich streets, and we would recommend that a stringont law be passed making it a misdemeanor for persons to ride on the tops of freight cars, except the employes of she rairond companies."

Verdicts of accidental death were rendered by the coroners' juries in the cases of Hanna Horwitz, four years old, who fell from the fire escape at her parcuta' residence, No. 48 Chrystie street, and in the case of Henry S. Brendt, or No. 138 Sullivan street, who, while playing on a canal boat at the foot of Charlton street, fell overboard and was drowned.

The body of an unknown man was found floating in the East River at the foot of Sixteth street yesterday morning, with suspicious marks on the bead that at first created the impression of foul play, but on subsequent examination it appeared probable that they were caused by the head striking against the pier. The deceased is about forty years of age, five feet nine meches in height, and has dark hair, but no heard. He was dressed in black cost, ulster pattern, dark pantaloons, striped vest, white shirt, black tie and gaiters. The body was removed to the Morgue and the Coroner notified to hold an inquest.

MARRIAGES AND DEATIES.

ENGAGED. BRNAK-MARKE-ISIDOR BENAK to Miss APRIN

MARRIED.

BAINOTTI-BROWN.—At Choppequansett, Warwick, R. I., the residence of the bride's mother, June 17, by the Rev. Dr. Waterman, PAUL BAINOTTI, Vice Consul of Italy in New York, to CARRIE M. daughter of the late Hon. Nicholas Brown.

GREER-RADULIFF.—On June 14, by Rev. Carlos Martyn, James W. Greer to Anna E. Raduliff. No cards.

Martyn, James W. Greek to Anna E. Raucliff. No cards.

Hoyf-Benneyt.—On Thursday, June 15, at the Greenburg church, by Rev. James D. Wilson, assisted by Rev. Eucene Mapes, Rev. J. Howard Hoyf to Sarah J. Brnsrtt. No cards.

KNAPP-HOLLEY.—On Wednesday, June 14, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. H. A. Harlow, Frank F. Knapp., of New York, to Tillie A. Holley, of Monticello, N. Y.

DIED.

ADER.—On Saturday, June 17, Joseph W. ADER, in the 73d year of his age. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully layined to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 598 West 24th st., on Tuesday, 20th inst., at half-past two o'clock P. M. ALLISON.—June 18, ALEERAY, aged 5 months, son of Thomas and Mary C. Allison, of this city.

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Her remains will be brought to Woodiawn Cemetery.

BRIL.—At Most Haven, N. Y., on Saturday moraling,

June 17, S. Fowers Brate, in the 22d year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, on Bouna

Ridge. Thesday, the 20th, at five P. M. Relatives and

friends are respectfully invited.

BRIGGS.—At Philadelphia, on Sanday, June 18, WILL
IBM D. BRIGGS, in the 27th year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of Mrs. R. B. Scarles,

White Plains, N. Y., on Wodnesday at ten A. M.

BROWS.—On Sunday, 18th inst., aftor a lingering ill
ness, Roner B. BROWS, tormerly of St. Johns, New
foundinad.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral,

from his lato residence. No. 1,001. Atlantic st., Brook
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monies of our late brother Robert Haba. By order of EDWARD STICH, Master. WILLIAM J. TRIMBLE, Secrotary.

HARGER.—At Luzerno, Warren county, N. Y., Harman G. Haeger.

Notice of funeral bereafter.

Hardow.—On Sunday, June 18, Harvey Hardow, in the 67th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, the members of Eckford Lodge, No. 72, 1. O. O. F., and the members of Attorney street Methodist Episcopal church are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 62 av. D, on Tuesday, June 20, at two o'clock P. M.

Long Island and Maine papers please copy.

Eckford Lodge, No. 72, 1. O. O. F.—Brothers—You are noreby summoned to attend a special meeting of the lodge, at the lodge room, on Tuesday, June 20, 1870, at half-past twelve P. M., for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to our late brother, Harvey Harlow.

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J. D. STEVENS.

1. TRAVERS, Secretary.

HAYER—On the 19th inst., Carlotta Paine Hayes, daughter of F. J. and Sarah Hayes, aged 4 years and 1 month.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectively invited to attend the funeral, Wednesday, at orgo o'clock P. M., from the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. N. Taylor, No. 39 East 22d st.

HATT.—At Portland, Oregon, June 16, suddenly, John A. Hart, only son of the Rev. George Hatt, of New York city.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Jacon.—On Saturday, June 17, at Garretson, S. I., Anyonn Jacon, of Laferte-sous-Jonarre, France, in his 64th year.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral lo-day, at ten o'clock, from the residence of his son-in-law, André Bonneau, No. 505 Broome st.

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Lord.—On Sunday, June 18, Jakes Lord, a native of Oldcastle, county Meath, Ireland, aged 68 years.

Relatives and Irlends are respectivily invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 1,155 24 av., on Tuesday, June 20, at hail-past one o'clock P. M. Marshall.—On Sunday, June 18, at his late residence, 104th st., between Lexington and 4th avs.

Relatives and iriends, and members of Greenwich Lodge, I. O. O. F., and and size Lebunon Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., and and size Lebunon Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., and and size Lebunon Encampment, No. 12, I. O. O. F., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, on Wednesday, June 21, at twelve o'clock.

MATIER.—On Sunday, June 18, ALFRED G. MATIER, only child of Alexander and Graco A. L. Matier.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, 141 West 27th st., on Tuesday, June 20, at one o'clock P. M. Nicholson.—On Monday morning, June 19, Elfrarette of the county Westmeate, Ireland.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 503 East 11th st., ou Wednesday, 21st inst., at balf-past one o'clock.

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PATERSON.—Suddenly, on Friday, June 16, CHARLES
PATERSON, aged 59 years.
Friends are invited to attend the luneral, on Tuesday afterboon, at one o'clock, from the undertaking establishment of Samuel H. Benedict, No. 40 Carmine

QUINN.—On Monday, June 19, at her residence, 302 East 30th St., ANNIS E., relict of the late William

QUIEN.—On Monday, June 19, at' her residence, 302 East 30th st., ANNIE E., relict of the late William B. Quinn.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Semel.—Un Monday morning, after a lingering illness, Anranas J. Semell, in the 32d year of his aga. Relatives, friends of the lamily, Mount Neboh Lodge, No. 257, F. and A. M.; District Grand Lodge, No. 1; Isaiah Lodge, No. 49; Edward Everett, No. 97; Akiba, No. 173, I. O. B. B.; also the Grand Lodge, Henry Clay, No. 19; Metropolitan, No. 60; Washington, No. 70; Standard, No. 50, I. O. F. S. of L. Congregation Rodeiph Sholom, are respectfully lavited to attend the funeral, on Thursday morning, June 22, at ten o'clock, from his late residence, No. 409 East 50th st.

Isaian Lodge, No. 40, I. O. B. B.—Brethren are hereby respectfully requested to attend a special communication of the above lodge, at our lodge rooma, Brevoort Hait, 54th st. and 3d av., on Thursday, June 22, at inne o'clock A. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our past President, Abraham J. Semel.

The members of the Grand Lodge are most cordisity and traternally invited. By order of N. BERLINER, President.

J. KATZENBEY, Financial Secretary.

MOUNT NENGE LODGE, 257, F. AND A. M.—The brethren of the above lodge are hereby summoned teatiend an emergent communication, at the lodge from, northeast corner of 3d av. and 57th st., on Thursday, June 22, at nine A. M. sharp, for the purpose of attending the inversal of our late worthy Past Master, Abraham J. Semel. Members of sister lodges are cordially and fraternally invited. By order of N. BERLINER, Secretary.

N. Berliner, Acting Master.

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N. Berliner, At No. 432 West 42d at., Charles W.

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N. Briller, Secretary.

Sharley, At No. 432 West 42d at, Charles W. Sharley, aged 53, for many years a highly respected citizen of Montreal, Canada.

Funeral will take place from his late residence, at ten o'clock on Weanesday morning, 21st inst.

Montreal papers please copy.

Shiff June June 18, Mardary, wife of Charles D. Smith, 290d 30 years.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the fineral, on Tuesday, June 20, at two o'clock, from her late residence, No. 99 9th av.

St. Johns (N. B.) papers please copy.

Stryenson.—On June 19, of consumption, Mrs. Magoir A. Stryenson, aged 20 years, I month and 9 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, 168 Wost Broadway, on Wednesday, 21st inst., at one o'clock sharp.

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STONK.—The friends and acquaintances of Captain T. B. Stone, formerly of Savannan, Ga., wife of T. Stone, Jr., and of William and Richard Stone and family, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral of the former from St. Mary's church, corner Leonard and Remson sts., Brooklyn, E. D., where a solema high Hass for the repose of his soul will be celebrated at half-past ten A. M.) at half-past two P. M., Tuesday, June 20. Savannah papers please copy.

White.—On Sunday, June 18, Julia A., eldest daughter of Mary A. and the late Charles B. White.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, 17 Kast 60th st., on Thursday, the 22d inst., at one o'clock. The remains will be taken to Norwaik, Conn., for interment.

WINTERS.—In Monday morning, June 19, Mra. Elastone Winters, beloved wife of the late John Winters, agadely years.

Relatives and triends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 305 South 3d at , Brooklyn, E. D., on Wednesday, the 21st inex., at two o'clock P. M.